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What's Going On In Mexico City (?)

Is this coming weekend a big weekend or what?

When I started this issue, I was very confused (no jokes, please). Things began to clear up over the weekend, and now I wonder about one certain Japanese wrestling magazine....

Here is what threw me for a loop. In its September 24th, 1992 issue, Japanese wrestling magazine Weekly Gong has a section in the back of the book called "Plaza de Lucha Libre." The first two news stories in that section cover what the magazine believes will happen next weekend in Mexico City. For over nine months now, the EMLL has booked Friday, September 18th, 1992, as the date (and la Arena Mexico, its wholly-owned 17,100+-seat arena as the place) for its card celebrating the "59th anniversary of lucha libre in Mexico." Ever since the AAA split from the EMLL on May 7th, 1992, the AAA has sought to run a card that same day - or as close as possible to that day - to disrupt the big EMLL show and celebration.

It is no secret that the AAA has been negotiating with what may be the largest indoor arena in North America, the 30,000+-seat "el Palacio de los Deportes" in Mexico City. The AAA had originally wanted to book the arena for the very same September 18th date, but was apparently unable to book that date and then tried to negotiate for the 15th. According to Ovaciones newspaper, that date fell through, and the AAA booked a show in Ecatepec, Mexico, about 35 miles away. Ovaciones further reported in its issues this past week that the AAA was without any arenas for September 18th, 1992 (because they had counted on booking almost all their stars at el Palacio de los Deportes, they never formally booked any other arena). Now that the 18th Palacio date has fallen through, Ovaciones reports that the AAA has entered into negotiations with arenas in Puebla de los Angeles, Puebla, in Leon, Guanajuato, and in Acapulco, Guerrero, with the paper reporting that the Acapulco site (the same arena where the August 14th taping was held) is the most likely arena for its next television taping. (late news 9-16 6:30pm TV taping 9-18 15 in Acapulco!)

What has thrown me for a loop is the Gong article. This article reported AS FACT that the AAA had the 18th booked for el Palacio de los Deportes, and it even had a card, which had a first-ever in Mexico triple main event in order to really blow out the EMLL on the EMLL's big night. The card supposedly had a mask match, a hair match, and a title match, as follows: Konnan el Barbaro versus Cien Caras in the hair match; el Psicodelico versus Mascara Anon Dos Mil in the mask match; and Universo Anon Dos Mil versus la Mascara Sagrada in the title match (Universo Anon Dos Mil is the Mexican National Light Heavyweight Champion). However, sources from Mexico and sources for The Wrestling Observer Newsletter have failed to mention this card at all or mention any knowledge of it. In fact, two of the three matches listed do not fit in with what seems to be the current storyline that the AAA is leading up to, that being el Psicodelico versus Konnan el Barbaro in a *mascara contra caballero* match. So, where did the magazine get its information? What makes this even stranger is the other news item they printed about the EMLL show. In that article, the magazine lists several stipulation matches and a main event that was set for the 59th anniversary show. It reports the main event to be Genichiro Tenryu (as a rudo), Sangre Chicana, and Pierroth junior versus The Great Kabuki (as a tecnico), King Haku, and el Rayo de Jalisco junior. This story then states that the Japanese men will be at la Pista Arena Revolucion the 19th, la Arena Coliseo on the 20th, and around the circuit in the following week. It then reports that el Brazo de Plata and Aaron Grondy (who just lost his hair to Vampiro) would be having a hair match (this week's Weekly Pro Wrestling magazine reports this match, also, as the only specific match listed in its story). Gong also reports a mask match having been signed between el Supremo I and la Mascara Magica. Now, this match may be taking place, since The Wrestling Observer Newsletter reported in this week's issue that la Mascara Magica (Eddy Guerrero) will be jumping to the AAA, as will his brother Chavo Guerrero and el Tercera Dimension (Mando Guerrero) {though Hector Guerrero is expected to start for the EMLL soon}. Still, the Supremo-Magica mask match has not appeared in any Mexican line-ups I have. Gong then reported that on the 59th anniversary show that el Dandy would have a hair match with either Jose "el Negro" Casas or la Bestia Salvaje, when in reality it will be versus el Satanico (for the third time in 21 months). Further, Ovaciones and Box y Lucha seem to be saying that the real main event will be three Japanese (Kabuki, Haku, and Tenryu) versus three Mexicans; and they further report that the opening ladies' match has been changed to a Japan versus Mexico match. Well, now you can see how I got so confused. One magazine reports one thing and another, another. Gong is wrong.

AAA RESULTS

A variety of results. First, from the match that was off of television from the television taping held Friday, August 21st in Durango, Durango, tecnicos Kendo Star, Katana, and el Rey Misterio junior defeated el Nuevo Angel Blanco, el Hijo del Angel Blanco, and Mister Condor two falls to one. Neither of these "Angel Blancos," who debuted last year, is the same as the "el Angel Blanco junior" who has appeared on Galavision many times.

* On Friday, August 21st, at el Auditorio General Jose Maria Arteaga in Queretaro, Queretaro, Mexico, a one-night parejas tournament was held. The winners were el Angel Blanco junior and Universo Ano Dos Mil (as I predicted, by the way). They defeated The Baby Sharon and The Rose in the semifinals and Super Raton and Super Pinochio in the finals. The other teams entered were: Rambo and el Hijo del Diablo, Ricky Boy and el Tornado, Super Muneco and Bull Raiders (aka el Rey Misterio senior), el Galactico and el Apolo, and Super Star and Super Kiss.

* Saturday, August 22nd, 1992, saw a card after all at la Arena Apatlaco in Mexico City, despite the boycott. The main event had el Volador, el Misterioso, and Tinieblas senior (with Alushe) winning two out of three falls from The Blue Panther, el Tornado, and la Parca. Winners and Super Calo danced their way past el Reptil and Marabunta in the semifinal in three falls. Local boys rounded out the card. In the third, la Artista and el Patriota won two of three from Arafat and el Bandido. In the second, Kick Boxer and Ivanhoe beat Juventud Guerrera and la Barba Negra in three. The opener had The Black Boy (said to be real good) and el Gran Calcuta over el Destreza and el Versatil in three.

* Sunday, August 23rd, at la Arena Azteca near Mexico City, saw Tinieblas senior (with Alushe) and Super Muneco defeat el Tornado and The Blue Panther two falls to one in the main event. This card broke the all-time attendance record for lucha libre at la Arena Azteca, but because they let kids in free, no gate record was broken. The semifinal had Kendo Star and local boy el Destreza winning two straight falls from el Reptil and Marabunta.

CARDS

* Friday, September 11th at el Auditorio Fausto Gutierrez Moreno in Tijuana, Baja California Norte, had a main event of Octagon, Super Astro, and Tinieblas senior (with Alushe) versus Fishman, Fuerza Guerrera, and el Cobarde II.

* Also on September 11th, the AAA ran its first card ever at el Auditorio del la Feria in Leon, Guanajuato. In the main event, el Hijo del Santo, el Hijo del Lizmark, and el Angel Azteca met The Blue Panther, el Espanto junior, y la Parca.

* I do not have line-ups, but on Saturday, September 12th, 1992, the three small arenas in the Mexico City area run by promoter Raul Reyes (la Arena Xochimilco, la Arena Azteca, and la Arena Apatlaco) were reported in The Wrestling Observer Newsletter to be running AAA cards this week in defiance of the SNL (old union) boycott order. The newspapers did not list line-ups and listed in their Friday columns the status of the cards as "iffy."

* I do know the September 11th main event at el Auditorio General Jose Maria Arteaga in Queretaro, Queretaro: Konnan el Barbaro, Lizmark senior, and la Mascara Sagrada met Fishman, Mascara Ano 2000, y Universo Ano 2000.

* Sunday, September 13th at la Arena Coliseo in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, promoted also in defiance of the boycott by female promoter Lila Cavazos, the headliner saw The Blue Panther defend his Mexican National Middleweight Championship versus Octagon, the man he beat for that title on July 24th.

* Sunday, September 13th was also to have seen the AAA debut of Anibal at la Arena Coliseo Olimpico in Guadalajara, Jalisco, but this arena, in the area rocked by the explosion last spring, and which was to have re-opened this week, has postponed its opening. The main event was to have had Anibal, el Justiciero, and el Hijo de Tinieblas versus "el Chacho" Herodes, The Ice Killer, and Rocco Valente. The tecnico pairing is no doubt deliberate and ironic, as during last year's strike, Anibal was one of the two or three main leaders of the union which walked out, while el Justiciero was THE leader of the group of wrestlers who tried to "overthrow" union bosses like Manny Guzman and take control over the union.

* The AAA had a card scheduled for Sunday, September 13th at Pachuca, Hidalgo. Among those who were booked were Pedro "el Perro" Aguayo, Konnan el Barbaro, la Mascara Sagrada, los Hermanos Dinamita (Cien Caras, Mascara Ano 2000, and Universo Ano Dos Mil), Octagon, el Hijo del Santo, Fuerza Guerrera, and The Blue Panther.

NEWS

* Fuerza Guerrera was the metroposter in this week's (9/3/1992 cover date) issue of Titanes del Ring. In that issue, he had the best interview I think this magazine has yet run. He explained why the AAA was bringing in new characters (like la Parca) and stars from other areas of Mexico (like el Panterita del Ring) and spoke highly of those in circuits away from Mexico City, saying that there were stars out there, and that just because they did not work in Mexico City did not make them any less good. He was asked to name the best "unheard of" wrestler in Mexico and

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Stuka (Joel Garcia) and Valente Fernandez, both of whom now work the circuit in and around Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. The same magazine also interviewed AAA stars The Blue Panther, Lizmark senior, and el Hijo de Lizmark.

* Box y Lucha covered a lot of AAA stuff in this week's issue. They interviewed el Picudo and, together, el Volador and el Misterioso. They interviewed the latter two about their movie, "Luchadores de las Estrellas," which stars Gloria Mayo and not Gloria Trevi as I reported last week. The movie bombed big-time. It was gone in fewer than three weeks in Mexico City. El Hijo del Santo was honored with a centerfold cartoon. It was good, but not so good as the underground cartoon circulating starring el Hijo del Santo, Dave Meltzer, and Dusty Rhodes in a "war on steroids" comic serial story (super). This magazine also discussed the AAA and EMLL "minis" (not micros) and the different names and stars therein. The magazine said the maximum height a "mini" could have was 149 cm, and Super Astro is 151 cm, so he just misses by 2 cm (1.5748 inches). Finally, The Blue Panther has a nice write-up and interview.

TELEVISION

First I have some thoughts on the television which aired this past weekend (Sunday, September 13th, 1992) on Galavision. This was taped Friday, September 4th, 1992, at "el Palenque de la Expo-92" in Cancun, Quintana Roo. In the *inicial*, la Briosa, la Marquesa, and la Venus defeated las Demoledoras (Martha "la Aplandora" Villalobos, Wendy la Guerrerilla, and la Pantera Surena) two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 15:06. Better than last week, but not my cup of tea. **. In the *segunda*, "la Tercia Alarida" (el Falcon, el Halcon 78, and captain Superhalcon Danny Ortiz) defeated el Indomito, el Cobarde Segundo, and captain el Picudo two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 17:47. Ortiz is so old and el Falcon has a bum right knee, so this was pretty bad. * 1/2. The *tercera* found el Rey Misterio junior, el Misterioso, and captain and trainer of the first two el Rey Misterio senior defeat Psicosis, The Ice Killer, and captain Huichol two falls to none in 8:49. Spectacular; highly recommended; Rey junior and Psicosis are out of this world and Rey senior is close. *** 1/2. The semifinal was the title match, as The Blue Panther retained his Mexican National Middleweight Championship by defeating el Angel Azteca in three falls in 15:22. Excellent technically; great third fall; highly recommended. ****. In the main event, tecnicos Octagon, el Hijo del Santo, and captain Konnan el Barbaro took two straight falls from rudos el Psicodelico, la Parca, and captain el Espanto junior in a total elapsed time of 8:15. La Parca and Octagon were super and Santito and Espanto very good. ** 1/2.

Now, onto the card that will air this coming weekend on Galavision. I hope you will have this newsletter before the card airs. If so, don't read this (or the AAA column of The Wrestling Observer Newsletter) if you want to be surprised. This show was taped Friday, September 11th at el Auditorio Benito Juarez in Veracruz, Veracruz. Originally it was supposed to be taped in Torreon, Coahuila, but that must have fallen through for some reason. Thanks to correspondent Roy Lucier of Garden Grove, California, here are the results!

The *inicial*, or opener, was a *revanche en superlibre* (main event rematch), with the same six AAA ladies battling it out in an all-ruda match. Once again, las Demoledoras (Wendy la Guerrerilla, la Pantera Surena, and captain Martha "la Aplandora" Villalobos) {*aplandora* means flattener or steamroller} were defeated by the trio of la Venus, la Briosa, and captain la Marquesa two falls to one. This time, la Venus was "injured" during the second fall, and Martha's team had a 3-on-2 advantage in the third; being rudas, they continued to pound away on their opponents, not going for the victory, until they were disqualified for not trying for the win. After the match, Villalobos and la Briosa issued challenges for a *caballera contra mascara* match, and that will be this week's semifinal. Rated at ** 1/2.

The *segunda* (second match of the five-match card), off TV, had the tecnico trio of "la tercera alarida" (Superhalcon Danny Ortiz, el Halcon 78, and el Falcon) versus el Nuevo Angel Blanco, el Hijo del Angel Blanco, and Ricky Boy. The *tercera*, or third match, was yet another tecnico triumph. Here, el Misterioso, el Volador, and el Rey Misterio junior defeated los Nuevos Destruyores del Ring (Tony Arce, Rocco Valente, and el Vulcano) two falls to one. The finish of the third fall saw el Rey Misterio junior go up for *la quebrada* (Asai moonsault bodyblock) inside the ring by jumping from the mat to the top rope in one fell swoop. Well, Rey tried and slipped and missed twice, so el Vulcano just went up and yanked his mask off, clearly exposing 17-year-old Oscar Gutierrez's face to the world. Rated at ***.

The semifinal made it four in a row for the tecnicos. The team of el Fantasma, la Mascara Sagrada, and el Hijo de Tinieblas defeated el Angel Blanco junior, Jerry "el Puma" Estrada, and Rambo two falls to zero, as la Mascara Sagrada pinned Estrada with the old CHavo Guerrero MidSouth/UWF moonsault bodyblock from the corner. The first fall ended when el Hijo de Tinieblas was unmasked, and there was a lot of 2-on-3 action while Tinieblas junior went to get a new mask. Best match of the night, rated at *** 1/2.

Los Hermanos Dinamita (Cien Caras, Mascara Ano Dos Mil, and captain Universo Ano Dos Mil) lost the main event in three falls from captain Lizmark senior, Pedro "el Perro" Aguayo, and Konnan el Barbaro to make it a straight babyface night. Lizmark was pinned in the first fall, but got both pins in the second and the winner in the third over Universo 2000, after which Lizmark challenged Universo for his Mexican National Light Heavyweight Title. *** 1/2.

EMLL

TELEVISION

The main event from la Arena Coliseo in Mexico City, Distrito Federal, on Tuesday, September 8th, 1992, saw a win for the tecnico team of Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon, el Rayo de Jalisco junior, and captain Apolo Dantes, as they defeated the CMLL World Trios Champions los Intocables del Ring (Masakre, Jaque Mate, and captain Pierroth junior) two falls to one. Dragon pinned Masakre with the moonsault press in the first fall, while all three Intocables made Rayo submit to an all-body-parts-stretcher in the second fall. The third fall saw Jaque Mate pinned, but he re-entered the fray to beat up on Apolo Dantes, which resulted in an automatic disqualification being called against los Infernales. This was a non-title match. Roy Lucier gave it ** 3/4.

Thanks to correspondent Roy Lucier, here are the results from the two matches that aired from la Arena Coliseo de Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Jalisco, from the card of Wednesday, September 9th, 1992. The first match saw el Guerrero Samurai II, Eclipse, and el Nuevo Audaz defeat el Capitan Garfio (i.e., Captain Hook), el Torbellino Negro, and la Arana two falls to one. The first fall saw el Guerrero Samurai II pin la Arana with a Lyger-like running frankenguerrerosamuraisegundo (if Scott Steiner isn't doing it, why call it a frankensteiner?) in the corner. The second fall ended when el Torbellino Negro made el Guerrero Samurai II submit to the *quebradora* (back breaker) submission. A *huracatanana* from el Nuevo Audaz onto la Arana gave the tecnicos the win in the third fall. This match had some great spots, including a dive over the top rope without touching the rope by Eclipse, but as Eclipse jumped, la Arana moved, but Eclipse was able to adjust and land on his feet. Rated at *** 1/2. The other match saw Ciclon Ramirez, el Cachorro Mendoza, and el Monarca defeat Ciclon Mackey, America, and Ponzona two falls to one. This was rated at ** 3/4. The first fall went to Ramirez as he pinned Ponzona, and the third fall saw Ramirez pin Mackey, both with *las huracatanas*. The second fall gave the new rudo America a one-half boston-crab submission over Mendoza. The TV show, called the best Guadalajara show, had a nice bit on *la porta ruda*.

Now, on to la Arena Mexico from Friday, September 11th, 1992. The *inicial* was off of television, as the newly-put-together rudo pareja of "The Cats" (Lynx and el Fiero), who got an interview and were 9/11's picture index in *Ovaciones*, met el Metalico and el Filoso. Thanks to Roy and Dave Scherer for results and Kevin Lyon for times! In the *segunda*, el Hijo del Solitario (Dave Scherer calls him a Don Martin character come to life), el Felino, and captain el Supremo I lost to the tecnico trio of Ciclon Ramirez, Ringo Mendoza, and captain la Mano Negra two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 12:17. The first fall went 4:35 before el Felino made la Mano Negra submit to the *quebradora*. The second fall went 3:43 before Ciclon Ramirez pinned el Supremo I with the missile kick (drop kick from off of the top rope). The third fall went 3:55 before el Felino pinned Ciclon Ramirez. But el Supremo I, feuding with la Mano Negra, immediately unmasked la Mano Negra for a reversed decision DQ. Roy: ** 1/4; Dave: ** 1/4.

The *tercera* saw a victory for the tecnico trio known as los Mosqueteros del Diablo, los Brazos (el Brazo de Plata, el Brazo, and captain el Brazo de Oro) as they beat rudos la Fiera, Emilio Charles junior, and captain el Titan two falls to one in a total elapsed time of 15:46. The first fall went to the rudos when el Brazo de Oro was counted out of the ring in 7:04. The second fall went 3:35 before the rudos went for a triple sunset flip and Porky sat on Charles for the victory. The third fall saw el Brazo de Plata do a diving body press ("Superfly Splash") onto el Titan at the 5:07 mark for the fall and the match. El Brazo de Oro was said to have been super. Roy: ** 3/4; Dave: ***.

On to the semifinal, where los Nuevos Infernales del Ring (M. S. 1, el Pirata Morgan, and captain el Satanico) defeated Atlantis, Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon, and captain el Dandy in two straight falls in 12:20. They set up a *caballera contra caballera* match with el Dandy versus el Satanico for the semifinal next week. The first fall went 5:11 before M. S. 1 pinned Dragon with a diving body press. The second fall went 7:09 before el Dandy submitted to a *quebradora* by el Satanico. The move of the match, and the night, saw Atlantis do Dragon's very own signature dive, *la quebrada* ("The Asai Moonsault Bodyblock") outside the ring from off of the second rope. Very fast-paced and very entertaining. Roy: *** 1/4; Dave: *** 1/2.

The main event featured the long-expected heel turn of The Black Magic (Norman Smiley). The Black Magic teamed up with Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense and captain el Rayo de Jalisco junior to lose two straight falls to Jose "el Negro" Casas, la Bestia Salvaje (who entered to el Dandy's ring music), and captain *el bocan* Pierroth junior in a total elapsed time of 14:06. The first fall lasted 8:12 until el Rayo de Jalisco junior was counted out of the ring. The second fall went 5:54 before el Rayo de Jalisco junior submitted to a double-team effort as Pierroth junior had him in a side boston-crab submission hold while la Bestia Salvaje was kicking away at Rayo's chest. The Black Magic's turn was accomplished in the following fashion. The whole match, Casas and Vampiro were embroiled in a punching feud, and Magic kept trying to separate them. Finally, at the end of the second fall, the two got ahold of each other and started pounding away. Magic went in, ostensibly to save Vampiro, but started kicking Vampiro and saved Casas. Roy hated it, giving it **. Dave said ** 3/4. By the way, the trading cards logo was back, and every wrestler came out to the ring in individual introductions with his own theme music playing (unlike last week). Not a bad show. Dave enjoyed the EMLL show, but says he likes the Formula 1 racing on Imevision better than UWA TV.

RESULTS

* Wednesday, August 17th saw the traditional Wednesday night card at la Arena Coliseo de Acapulco in Acapulco, Guerrero. The main event saw Lizmark and Atlantis defeat el Satanico and el Pirata Morgan in three falls when el Satanico hit Lizmark in *las partes nobles* (as Box y Lucha said) for the automatic foul disqualification. In the semi, Jose "el Negro" Casas and el Comado Ruso defeated el Dandy and Saigon Dragon, el Ultimo Dragon two falls to one when Casas pinned Dandy with Casas's feet on the ropes in the third fall. The rest of the card was wrestled with

***EMLL* (continued)**

RESULTS (continued)

- * On Friday, August 21st, in Morelia, Michoacan, Pierroth junior retained his CMLL World Light Heavyweight Championship by defeating Lizmark senior two falls to one in what was said to have been a great match.
- * Thursday, August 20th, at Cuautla, Morelos, The Love Machine and The Blue Demon junior won the main event in three falls by defeating rudos Xavier "el Monarca" Cruz and Kung Fu.
- * Apolo Dantes retained the NWA World Light Heavyweight Championship on Wednesday, August 19th, by defeating el Hijo del Solitario two falls to one in the main event of the card at la Arena Naucalpan in Naucalpan, Mexico.

CARDS

I have covered on other pages the two cards at la Arena Mexico for Friday, September 11th, and for Friday, September 18th. Let's see what other EMLL cards were booked for this past week:

- * Saturday, September 12th, at la Arena Puebla in Puebla de los Angeles, Puebla, el Dandy met la Fiera in the main event in a *mano a mano* match-up.
- * Also on September 12th, this time at Mexico City's la Pista Arena Revolucion, Nitron returned, teaming with Xavier "el Monarca" Cruz and el Hijo del Solitario to take on the tecnico trio of *Los Tres Juniors* (The Blue Demon junior, Apolo Dantes, and el Rayo de Jalisco junior).
- * The EMLL returned to la Pista Arena Revolucion on Sunday, September 13th, with la Sombra Poblana facing el Halcon Negro junior in a *mano a mano* main event, a rare one, as the EMLL rarely lets young lightweights headline.
- * Another *mano a mano* main event headline the September 13th card at la Arena Naucalpan, as el Felino faced Oro.
- * I should have the results from la Arena Mexico from Sunday, September 13th, 1992, in the "late news" section, as los Nuevos Infernales faced los Intocables del Ring in a non-title match. If I am lucky, I may have results from the same day's la Arena Coliseo card, which was topped by The Love Machine, The Blue Demon junior, and el Rayo de Jalisco junior's meeting the rudo squadron of la Bestia Salvaje, el Titan, and el Supremo I.

NEWS

- * The newspapers hinted that a WWF "star" may soon come to la Arena Mexico to work with the EMLL, who I believe technically still have some kind of contract with SWS (now WAR) and WWF.
- * Esther Moreno returns to action around October 1st, 1992, after a long absence due to an injury.
- * Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense, he of the big fan club, signed a movie deal with Televisa on Friday, September 11th, 1992. I have no details of the deal, but it was signed at 2:00 pm local time at la Arena Mexico.
- * On this week's television show, the announcers were kidding heel referee "el Gato Montini" about his favoritism towards Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense. The announcers said, and I paraphrase, is "Montini's" real name Javier Medina, or Javier Casanova, or Javier Hotchkisson? That last name is a direct quote. So now, between Televisa and Custodia magazine, we have Ian and Hotchkisson mentioned publicly. I am sure "Billy" is real happy about this.
- * Speaking of Custodia, in this week's issue they have a pin-up of Cesar Dantes but then complain about rampant drugs and alcoholism in the wrestling world. The only names mentioned in the article, though, are Manny Guzman, Kung Fu, and Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense, none of whom is directly accused of any drug or alcohol usage.
- * Super Luchas this week interviewed The Big Bang (ex-Jack Victory, who has already been let go) and los Medicos Asesinos. It also mentioned the EMLL plans to hold a CMLL World Heavyweight Championship Tournament at la Arena Mexico in October. Finally, they mentioned that ex-wrestler el Comodin is now a licensed referee.
- * Titanes del Ring this week interviews several EMLL and independent wrestlers. They are: el Nino Montana junior (who debuted 01/06/1977); los Guerreros del Futuro (el Guerrero Maya, el Guerrero del Futuro, and Damian, el Guerrero) - who are in the centerfold - and highlight their State of Mexico Trios Championships; el Super Angel; and Apolo Dantes, who is quoted as saying his real name is Jose Luis Amezcua MUNOZ and not CURIEL as I had reported last week. Dantes kept saying how his favorite moments were his debut and his participation in his father's retirement match at la Arena Mexico in April of 1989. He had to be almost forced to say anything nice about his NWA World Light Heavyweight Championship win, which I find VERY strange. This magazine's "metroposter" next week will be of "los Spectros" (el Spectro junior, el Spectro de Ultratumba, and el Cadaver de Ultratumba).
- * Wrapping up the magazines, Box y Lucha's color centerfold this week (8/28/92 cover date) is of Atlantis. Mexico's finest wrestling weekly also interviewed Triton in this issue; Triton said he is 27 years old and just debuted in August.

UWA TELEVISION

* Sad to say, but for the second straight week, their television was cancelled, both in Mexico City and on the satellite dish feed. It was pre-empted, again, for U. S. Open Tennis, so that shouldn't be a problem next week. I know everybody misses Tala Menendez a whole lot, now don't we?

RESULTS

* Just the main event result from the card of Tuesday, August 25th, 1992, at la Arena "la Aficion" in Pachuca, Hidalgo, but it was a title bout. El Villano V beat el Loco Zandokan to keep the UWA World Light Heavyweight Title in 3 falls.

* The main event at la Arena Nezahualcoyotl in Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico, from Friday, August 28th, 1992, saw el Loco Zandokan, The Doctor Wagner junior, and Miguel Perez junior defeat el Villano III and los Cowboys/Efectivos (Silver King and el Texano) two falls to one. This had one of the most original and creative screw-job finishes ever. El Villano III had his mask almost totally off, and in a double collision spot, Silver King accidentally yanked off el Villano III's mask, which caused head UWA referee el Fresero to disqualify Silver King (and his team)! I have got to give them credit, that's a new one on me (I bet Dave Meltzer or Kurt Brown has heard of it before, though), and with creativity like that to continue the all-tecnico feud between el Villano III and Silver King, maybe the UWA would never have fallen as far as they have so fast (my editorial opinion).

* Here are the results from the card held Sunday, September 6th at the "el Toreo de Cuatro Caminos" bull ring in Naucalpan, Mexico. In the main event Canek retained his UWA World Heavyweight Championship, as he defeated Enrique Vera two falls to one. So as not to rob Vera of his babyface heat, the finish was this: Vera did a diving knee drop from off of the top rope. He missed, and Canek put Vera in the figure four leg lock. Vera "passed out" from the pain and was pinned (sound familiar?). Then Vera was stretchered. The match went 24:00 and was said to have been fair. In the semifinal, las Panteras Rosas (los Villanos I, III, and V) defeated los Cowboys/Efectivos (Silver King and el Texano) and their partner The Pegasus Kid in an all-tecnico battle. Los Cowboys continue their slow heel/rudo turn. The finish saw el Villano III pin el Texano in the third fall, after which each man issued a mask versus hair challenge. Then, el Villano III challenged The Pegasus Kid for the latter's WWF World Light Heavyweight Championship, and it was this challenge that was accepted. The *estelar* of the show saw an all-rudo battle as Miguelito Perez junior, el Scorpio junior, and Ricky Santana defeated el Signo, Miguel "el Negro" Navarro, and ?. Both papers I saw reported that the third partner on the losing team was The Black Power II, but that can't be, as he was wrestling in Japan at that same time as "Power Slam Johnny." The match went three very bloody falls. The *tercera* went to los tecnicos as el Coloso, el Tigre Canadiense, and The King defeated el Loco Zandokan, el Crazy Star I, and The Doctor Wagner junior two falls to one. The *segunda* also went to los limpios, as el Dragon Lee, el Ojo de Tigre, and Aero Flash defeated el Babe Face I, el Crazy Star II, and el Scorpio I two falls to one in what was described as a surprisingly good match. The *inicia* was the ladies' match that is going around the horn on the UWA undercards. "Las Irmãs" (Irma Aguilar and Irma Gonzales) defeated la Satanakia and la Mujer Salvaje in three falls.

* The results from the card at el Toreo of Sunday, September 13th, 1992, can be found in the "late news" section.

CARDS

* The traditional Monday night card for the UWA at la Arena Puebla in Puebla de los Angeles, Puebla, on September 7th, was headlined by The Pegasus Kid, Silver King, and el Texano versus Miguel Perez junior, Ricky Santana, and The Killer (managed by Andy Barrow). The semifinal was Enrique Vera senior and el Villano III versus los Crazy Star I y II. The *tercera* had el Coloso, el Dragon Lee, and The King versus Kahos I, el Bucanero junior, and el Apolo de Oro. The *segunda* was Irma Gonzales and Irma Aguilar versus la Satanakia and la Mujer Salvaje. The *inicia* found el Rudo and Zeus (who has been working many dates now as "Rey Richard") versus los Dragones Chinos I y II.

* This week's Thursday night card at la Arena Toluca (September 10th) was main-evented by el Tigre Canadiense and Enrique Vera senior on the tecnico side versus rudos Ricky Santana and Miguel Perez junior. The semifinal had el Coloso and Aero Flash versus los Crazy Star I y II. The *segunda* was el Bucanero junior and el Apolo de Oro versus el Dragon Lee and el Gran Apache I. And the opener found el Sevillano fighting Sprayman.

* Off we go for the card at la Pista Arena Revolucion for Thursday, September 10th. The main event had another *parejas increíbles* match, as rudo The Killer (managed by Andy Barrow) and tecnico el Villano III faced rudo The Doctor Wagner junior and tecnico The Pegasus Kid. The semifinal matched tecnicos el Villano I, The King, and el Villano V versus rudos el Signo, el Loco Zandokan, and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro. The *segunda* was the ladies' match of Irma Aguilar and Irma Gonzales versus la Satanakia and la Mujer Salvaje. The *inicia* had el Leopardo Negro and el Principe Maya versus tecnicos el Rayo de Plata and la Alas de Fuego. Both of these Thursday cards were hurt by the number of UWA wrestlers who were still in Japan, though they were due back in time for the big six-match card to be held Sunday, September 13th at the "el Toreo de Cuatro Caminos" bullring in nearby Naucalpan.

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As a time slot, television cameras may have been present for the card held Friday, September 11th at la Arena Nezahualcoyotl in the Mexico City suburb of the same name. The main event was a rematch from "la Fiesta" the night before, as The Killer (managed by Andy Barrow) and el Villano III met The Pegasus Kid and The Doctor Wagner junior. The semifinal was a match between rudos Miguel Perez junior, Ricky Santana, and el Loco Zandokan versus Enrique Vera senior and two *novatos* (rookies), el Baron and The King. The *tercera* had rudos el Signo and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro versus el Coloso and el Tigre Canadiense. The *segunda* was Irma Aguilar and Irma Gonzales versus la Satanakia and la Mujer Salvaje. Las Dragones CHinos I y II met Rey Richard and el Scorpio I in the *inicial*.

* A variation on the *parejas increible* match going around the horn headlined the card at la Arena Isabel in Cuernavaca, Morelos on Saturday September 12th, as this time The Pegasus Kid and The Killer (managed by Andy Barrow) teamed up together to face el Villano III and The Doctor Wagner junior.

* Sunday, September 11th at la Arena Nezahualcoyotl was main-evented by Shu, el Guerrero, el Loco Zandokan, and el Scorpio junior on the rudo side versus tecnicos el Coloso, el Matematico I, and Transformer (weak face team!)

* And on September 11th at la Arena Toluca los Guerreros de la Noche met los Caballeros del Ring in the headliner.

* Monday, September 12th, 1992 saw the usual Monday night card at la Arena Puebla. The main event had Canek and el Villano III versus P. N. News and Silver King in a *parejas increibles* bout. The semifinal had el Signo, The Doctor Wagner junior, and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro versus las Panteras Rosas (los Villanos I, IV, and V). In the second, los Crazy Star I y II and The Black Power II met el Tigre Canadiense, el Baron, and The King, while in the opener la Satanakia and la Mujer Salvaje met las Irmas (Irma Aguilar and Irma Gonzales).

* The normal Tuesday night card at la Arena Queretaro in the city and state of the same name was moved to Wednesday night, September 16th, for this week only.

* Also on September 16th, back at la Arena Netzahualcoyotl, el Rayo Tapatio I faced el Muerto del Ring in the main event in a *mascara contra mascara* match. I think el Muerto del Ring's mask will be dead after this one.

NEWS

* UWA business has been way down. The Wrestling Observer Newsletter reported in its September 21st, 1992, issue that the crowd at el Toreo for the August 16th show that saw EMLL stars Pierroth junior and Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense on the bill was only 8,000 fans, which is really not very good, and that all the fans who come out any more are the UWA hard cores who cheer Canek like crazy and boo everybody else (even Vampiro) like crazy...

** A new wrestler called "el Barbaro" is set to debut here next week. Many new names are said to be coming in... ** It turns out el Villano IV's "injury" was just an excuse to explain his absence in Japan, and the UWA tried to work a back-handed angle out of it, but the papers report that el Villano IV went to Japan anyway, "against doctor's orders"... ** Rey Richard went on a tour of Guatemala this past weekend along with Tony Arce, el Vulcano, and The Doctor Wagner junior... ** Los Nuevos Misioneros de la Muerte (The Black Power II, el Signo, and Miguel "el Negro" Navarro) have issued an open challenge to any trio against whom they will defend their UWA World Trios Championships.

LATE NEWS: ** The EMLL will be at Cal State LA this weekend with el Dandy, Jose "el Negro" Casas, el Brazo, el Brazo de Oro, MS1, and el Piloto Suicida in the main event. More news on this next week. Then, the EMLL returns to Cal State LA on 10/10/92 with Atlantis, el Pirata Morgan, los Cowboys (well, that's what I heard), and the USA debut of Casanova, el Vampiro Canadiense.... ** From the UWA card at el Toreo on Sunday, September 13th, 1992, el Villano III defeated the Pegasus Kid with a clean *rans* in the third fall to regain the WWF World Light Heavyweight Championship (that Benoit had won from III on 3/3/91) in a good match. The semifinal saw the Mexico debut of P. N. News, and he fouled Canek after pinning Canek in the third fall in their trios match; Canek's teammates were Miguel Perez junior and Ricky Santana while Canek teamed with The Killer and The Doctor Wagner junior. Before that, los Nuevos Misioneros de la Muerte won a non-title match in two straight falls over Dos Caras, The King, and Enrique Vera senior. In the third, Silver King, el Texano, and Haraoki "el Gran" Hamada won two straight from los Villanos I, IV, and V; afterwards, el Texano challenged el Villano V for the latter's UWA World Light Heavyweight belt. In the second, Los Crazy Star I y II and The Baby Face I defeated el Baron, el Celestial, and el Tigre Canadiense in three, while in the opener, el Scorpio junior and el Bucanero junior defeated Lasser and Rocky Santana (who traded the UWA Lightweight belt in the space of three days in Japan) in three falls... ** At la Arena Mexico on the 13th, los Nuevos Infeemales defeated CMLL World Trios Champions los Intocables del Ring in three gory falls to set up a title match for the main event on the 20th at la Arena Mexico. Also, Atlantis, el Dandy, and la Mano Negra beat Nitron, Ulises Plus, and Xavier "el Monarca" Cruz in three falls in the semifinal; Cachorro and Ringo Mendoza and Juan "el Huracan" Sevilla won two of three from los Guerreros del Futuro. El Panico and el Bufalo Salvaje beat el Solar II and Javier "CHamaco" Valaguez in three and Olympus and Olimpico beat los Kaifanes I y II in three falls. By-byl